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Ms. Beth O'Donnell
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Re: KCDHH application to expand the TRS/TAP surcharge base, Case No. 2007-00464.

Dear Beth:

On behalf of the Kentucky Telephone Association (KTA), I am submitting this letter in support of the KCDHH's application to expand the TRS/TAP surcharge base to all telecommunications carriers.

We support expanding the surcharge base beyond wireline access lines because the TRS/TAP program is used by more than wireline customers today. The telecommunication industry has changed dramatically since the program began. Advances in telecom technology have created new markets and industry segments, and have significantly increased competition and customer choice. In particular, new technology has helped the wireless market expand to the point that the number of wireless access lines now exceeds wireline access lines. The TRS/TAP program has also expanded to provide wireless service to the deaf and hard of hearing community. As such, funding for the program should come from more than wireline customers and should include customers of other service providers.

We further support lowering the TRS/TAP surcharge to reflect the expanded surcharge base.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing